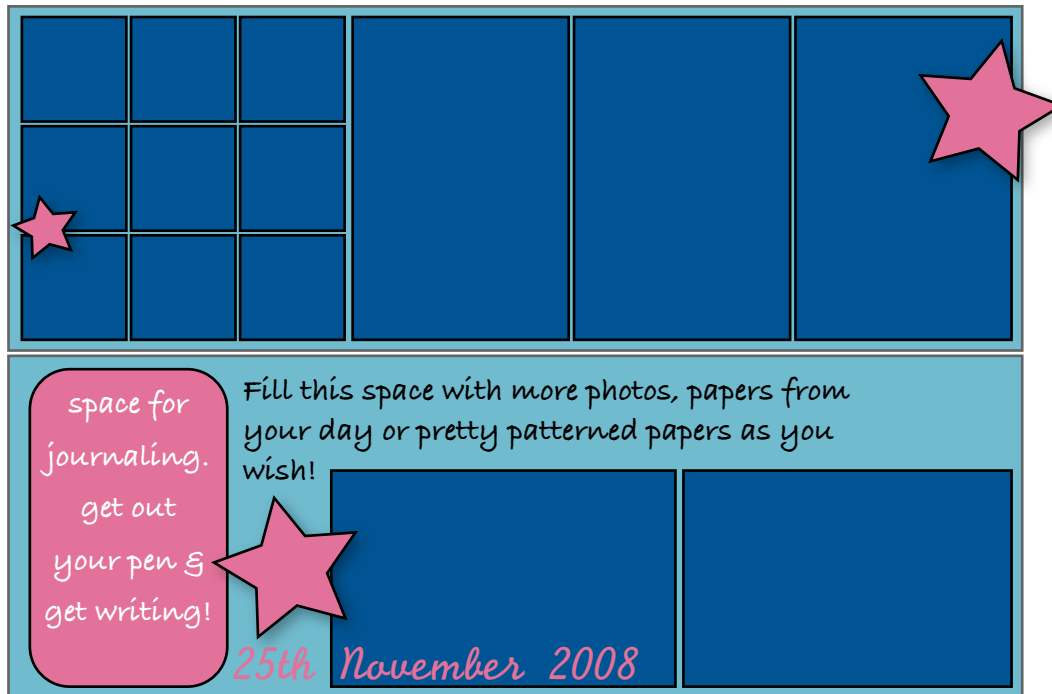


Scrap Your Day

Album Prompt #08 :: November 2008

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Each month on the 25th, along with snapping pictures all day, you can download an album prompt. You don't need this before you start snapping -- it's for the crafty part of the project. Each album prompt will include some ideas to help you put your pages together, but they also purposely leave a lot up to your imagination. That way, your personal style will shine through and the resulting book will be very much your own.



Depending on the size of your album pages and the size of your photo prints, you may or may not be able to use this sketch as shown. Even if the layout doesn't fit quite like this, you can still use some of this month's tricks to pack tons of photos into a two page layout. In the 15x7 format, you can easily include ten to fourteen photos, but you can break any larger block into several smaller photos if you prefer. If you prepared your album with the notes from the getting ready prompt, you'll already have background papers attached. They aren't shown in the sketch -- you work right over the top of them. Leave gaps between photos to show the background here and there, and otherwise just know this is why we kept the backgrounds simple! I love pretty papers but I don't think we need to spend hours agonizing over our choices when we're going to put the photos over the top. The pictures and the story will end up more important anyway, so let's spend our time with that.

Tricks to try this month:

Make a Brady Bunch grid: Did you take the make-silly-faces advice in the photo fact sheet? Print nine of those images in a small size and punch into squares to make a grid, much like the opening credits of the Brady Bunch -- except it's the same person in each square.

Play favourites: I don't normally indicate any embellishments on the sketch -- it's often easier for you to add them by looking for the empty spots in your photographs. But since today's pictures are all about you, it seems like the embellishments should also be about you! I've indicated them with star shapes but they don't have to be stars at all -- just think of it as a push to use a few of your very favourite embellishments this month!

Include more stuff or more photos: This sketch also has more empty space than normal -- it's up to you to decide if you'd like to include more photographs, more embellishment or more evidence from your day. If you've collected receipts, notes or ticket stubs, they can fit here. But more photos will fit too. Make it work with the shots you like from today!